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David- nice talking with you. There have been no SPOT Reports sent out today.

I again addressed with the staff adding you to the distribution list. Please let me know if it doesn't happen.

I am forwarding SPOT Report 5 and attaching emails of SPOT Reports 6 and 7.

v/r,  
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## **FEMA REGION 6 SPOT REPORT #5**

Updates in RED

<b>SPOT REPORT:</b>	Explosion at West Fertilizer Plant (West, Texas)
<b>DATE AND TIME OF OCCURRENCE:</b>	April 17, 2013 at approximately 19:50 CDT
<b>INCIDENT SUMMARY:</b>	<p>An explosion was caused by a fire at the West Fertilizer Plant in West, TX (McLennan County, 19 miles north of Waco- Map: <a href="http://goo.gl/maps/rKk1u">http://goo.gl/maps/rKk1u</a>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unconfirmed reports 5-10 fatalities</li><li>• Unconfirmed 200+ injuries reported; some people still missing</li><li>• The critically injured have been evacuated and non-critical patients are being transported to the Atrium Nursing Home in Bellmead, TX.</li><li>• 75-100 homes/businesses destroyed</li></ul>

- Precautionary evacuation for entire town of West

ESF 6 Report:

- Three (3) shelters: One shelter is for staff; the other two (2) are independent shelters:
  - Springs Baptist Camp – Overnight/morning population comprised of staff ONLY = 19
  - Independent shelters are Abbot ISD and Penelope School (no population).
- The Salvation Army has four (4) mobile kitchens on scene and HEB (grocery store) will have a kitchen by the afternoon
  - Most feeding is for first responders
- American Red Cross has a representative at the Incident Command Post
- Bulk distribution of clean up supplies has begun
- Future planning operations:
  - Open a Multi-Agency Assistance Center in coordination with governmental and VOAD partners.
  - Assemble Integrated Care Teams (consist of a nurse, caseworker, and a Disaster Mental Health Counselor
  - Open Emergency Aid Stations in vicinity of affected area.

Concerns:

- Potential weather information and on any conditions that could affect operations (i.e. wind shifts).

**SIGNIFICANCE OF EVENT:**

High

**SOURCE OF INFORMATION:**

FEMA R6 Logistics and Operations, Department of Health and Human Services, FEMA Region 6 JRMPO Rep, State of Texas Operations Center SOC), FEMA R6 National Preparedness Law Enforcement Liaison, FEMA R6 External Affairs

**ACTIONS/ FOLLOW UP:**

**State Actions:**

- **State will be requesting an Emergency Declaration later today for Cat B to include DFA and will potentially follow up with a request for IA PDAs once they complete the local disaster assessments.**
- The SOC is at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) in support of the Fertilizer Plant Explosion.
- Texas Department of Public Safety: Helping secure the area for law enforcement personnel to conduct business and maintain public safety.
- Guard Homeland Response Force (HRF) remain on alert and ready to assist if needed.
- Communications Coordination Group (CCG): Activated to provide additional emergency communication resources and/or support as needed.
- Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT): Two 300-gallon fuel trailers from the TxDOT Bryan District have been sent to West, along with four personnel and four trucks to assist with mobile fueling; 18 personnel and nine trucks are closing city streets to block off the affected area. Other available sites for refueling are the TxDOT Waco District Office and

- TxDOT Hill County Area Office in Hillsboro.
- Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC): Providing support personnel.
- Texas Railroad Commission: Monitoring pipelines in the affected area.
- Texas Education Agency: Working with the local school district to coordinate any immediate needs. Schools in West are closed for the remainder of the week.
- Texas Forest Service: Incident Management Team assisting the Texas Division of Emergency Management with planning and logistics.

**Federal Actions:**

- FEMA Regional Administrator in communication with Chief of Texas Division of Emergency Management
- FEMA Regional Administrator and EPA Regional Administrator are in communication.
- FEMA R6 RRCC has activated to Level 3
  - Operations, Logistics, Planning, Individual Assistance, External Affairs, American Red Cross, and currently in RRCC
  - FEMA R6 Recovery has 3 (three) IA PDA teams on standby and are coordinating with SBA
  - IMAT 2 on stand-by to deploy if requested by the state (returning to Region 6 FEMA Office at approximately 1430 CDT from Arkansas' Vigilant Guard Exercise)
  - FEMA R6 External Affairs will be hosting a Congressional Outreach Call tentatively scheduled at 1400 CDT to provide a situation update.
- HHS activated and is communicating with Texas Department of State Health Services:
  - Crisis Counseling, mortuary assistance, and re-establishment of local EMS being discussed with State.
  - Two (2) Disaster Medical Assistance Teams and the Region 6 Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team (DMORT) on alert.
  - Moving the DMORT assessment team to DFW
- Environmental Protection Agency has deployed Mobile Command Post to the site
  - EPA has activated their EOC
  - Has approximately six (6) employees on site
  - Have flown their ASPECT plane last night and intend to fly today.
- GSA reports no federal facilities or congressional offices reporting damage
- Distribution Center Ft. Worth current Readiness:
  - Water (liters): 3,124,890
  - Commercial Meals (ea): 659,458
  - Reduced Sodium Meals (ea): 869,224
  - Infant Toddler Kits (ea): 0
  - Hygiene/Comfort Kits (ea): 50,000
  - Cots (ea): 31,836
  - Blankets (ea): 208,492
  - Consumable Medical Supplies (ea): 2
  - Durable Medical Equipment (ea): 4
  - Tarps (20'x25'): 135,080
  - Generators (ea): 101

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